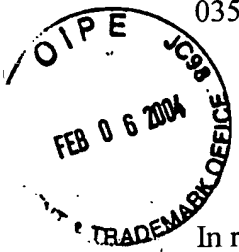


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

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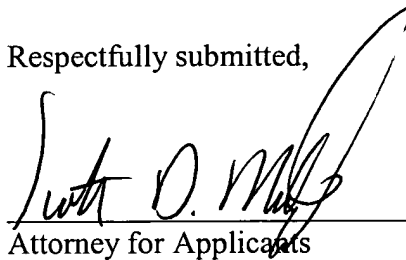
For the Examiner's information, U.S. Patent No. 2001/0034175 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 2001-229828, and U.S. Patent No. 2002/0180342 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 2001-210258.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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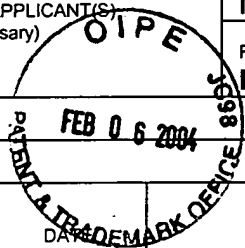
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